

Notice that the District of Colorado has Authorized the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Effective January 3, 2005 and Notice of Bankruptcy Bar Training Sessions

1. Release Date: November 15, 2004

By a majority vote of the district court judges, the District of Colorado has authorized the bankruptcy appellate panel service to hear and determine appeals originating in the District of Colorado pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(b)(6). Effective January 3, 2005, all appeals from Colorado bankruptcy court decisions will be heard by the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit ("BAP"), unless a party files an election that complies with applicable requirements, in which case the appeal will be heard by the district court.

The BAP was created by a Resolution of the Judicial Council of the Tenth Circuit for an initial three-year period beginning July 1, 1996. On March 8, 1999, the Judicial Council of the Tenth Circuit voted to authorize the permanent establishment of the BAP in the Tenth Circuit. All districts in the Tenth Circuit have now authorized participation in the BAP.

The BAP is composed of nine active bankruptcy judges appointed by the Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit. A BAP Judge may not hear an appeal originating from his or her own district. The principal office of the Clerk of the BAP is located in Denver, Colorado. More information regarding the BAP may be obtained from the BAP's web site at www.bap10.uscourts.gov, by email to 10th_Circuit_BAP@ca10.uscourts.gov, or by calling the BAP Clerk's Office at (303) 335-2900.

Two Bankruptcy Bar Training Sessions will be conducted prior to the effective date:

Date: December 6, 2004 (Bi-monthly Bankruptcy Judges' Brown Bag Session)

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Room 154 in the U. S. Custom House, 721 19th Street

Date: December 15, 2004

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Courtroom 1 in the Bryon White U. S. Courthouse, 1823 Stout Street